

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 23, 2005 to December 22, 2005

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Val Verde Unified School District's (VVUSD) Future Middle School Site. This workplan addresses the removal 554 tons of contaminated soil from the proposed Middle School Site (tentatively named "Indian" Middle School). The proposed site is located east of Indian Avenue and south of Santiago Drive in Moreno Valley. During the site investigation, chlorinated pesticides mainly Toxaphene and 4,4-DDT were detected in the surface soil in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels and/or standards for school sites. Therefore VVUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soil and transport it to an permitted offsite disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a Draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken away for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed soil removal action during the thirty (30) day public comment period which starts on November 23, 2005 and ends on December 22, 2005. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Amit Pathak, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked **by December 22, 2005**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Val Verde Unified School District Office, Facilities Department, Bldg. I, 975 W. Morgan Street, Perris, and at the Perris Public Library, 163 E. San Jacinto Street, Perris. Also, site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or email: jmatsumoto@dtsc.ca.gov

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